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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 10 September 1956

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- August 1956

ADMINISTRATION

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1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 31 August was [redacted]

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25X1A 2. Chief, FDD; Chief, Far East Branch; and Chief, Screening Section attended a Library briefing by former [redacted] on 6 August.

3. On 14 August Chief, FDD, briefed CIA Librarian and Chief, Acquisitions Branch, on FDD needs in connection with their planned survey tour.

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4. [redacted] were named keymen for the Division in the Consolidated Charities Campaign.

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5. [redacted] returned from three months TDY in [redacted] DD/P, and [redacted] has completed two months TDY in FE-2/DD/P.

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6. Two persons completed the Division's Intensive Polish Reading Course on 8 August.

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[redacted] began a six-month [redacted] Language Course at NSA on 8 August.

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7. Eight Division personnel participated, for an average of one day each, in the production of OTR training films.

8. Eleven of the professional personnel of Scientific and Technical Branch in grades 5, 7, 9 and 11 received scientific pay adjustments.

9. The reclassification in USSR Branch of a GS-7 Foreign Documents Officer position to a GS-7 Intelligence Assistant position has been surveyed by Position Evaluation Division, OP.

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OPERATIONS

1. At the invitation of Services Division, ORR, the chiefs of Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Rumania Sections have attended weekly Services Division panels for discussion of mutual problems relating to FDD capabilities and Services Division requirements.

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2. On 14 August, [redacted] of Far East Branch met with representatives of ORR, Army, Navy, and Air Force to discuss community need for information from [redacted]

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25X1C [redacted] It was agreed that Air Force and Army would screen the material.

3. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 63 cases of duplication totaling 1,341 pages.

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4. The first issue of the scheduled monthly Summary "Information on Africa South of the Sahara" was published during the month.

The scheduled biweekly [redacted] "Information From the Manila Tagalog Daily 'Bagong Buhay,'" was discontinued as of 1 August.

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5. By arrangement with OSI, the Linguist Service [redacted] [redacted] will screen all OSI requirements of 25 pages or more before transmittal to FDD.

6. Sixty-six FDD reports are listed in the "1955 Annual Report of Internal and External Research Projects on the Sino-Soviet Bloc" issued by the Economic Intelligence Committee.

7. During the month four contributions were transmitted to the Historical Intelligence Collection in the form of Greek newspaper articles on World War II espionage.

8. Commendations:

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From Deputy Director of Security (Investigation and Support), for rapid and efficient service rendered by the Division over the past few years. Particular mention is made of the cooperation of [redacted]

From Chief, RQM/OIS, for excellent evaluation of the Singapore newspaper Nanyang Siang-pao.

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From the Navy member of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications in behalf of ONI for the FDD series of scheduled summaries "Soviet Military Information From 'Krasnaya Zvezda' and Other Publications" prepared by [redacted] and members of his section. [redacted] Chairman, added a commendation of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications for the excellent reception of this report.

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25X1A From Electric Power Branch, ORR, for the collated report
on "Electric Power Installations in East Germany" prepared by
[redacted]

9. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of State

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. Alfred E. Harding, to discuss program guidance matters affecting exploitation of Chinese Communist theoretical journals and coverage of Outer Mongolia.

Department of the Army

With Mr. Richard Bauer, ACSI, to discuss program guidance on reporting of Satellite military information. ACSI suggested that such coverage on East Germany be discontinued in favor of concentration on the other Eastern Europe Satellites.

With Engineering Strategic Intelligence Division, Mr. Guy McIntosh, to discuss FDD support for the NIS chapter on [redacted] Section 24 (Topography).

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10. Special services rendered:

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25X1C DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, reverse translation of 20 pages, English to German; reverse translation of a 51-page paper, "United Front Tactics -- Lenin to Krushchev," English to German; and reverse translation, English to Russian, of four pages of questions [redacted]

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Office of Research and Reports -- For Geographic Division, reverse translation of a one-page letter of introduction, English to French.

Office of Scientific Intelligence -- For Medicine Division, special rush translation of Russian data on Soviet mumps and measles vaccines being tested in U.S. to avert loss of vaccines and test animals.

For Fundamental Services Division, evaluated the eight series of Referativnyy Zhurnal (Abstract Journal) for 1955, and translated sample abstracts.

Office of Communications -- Reverse translation of a 21-page instruction booklet into [redacted]

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11. Significant reports:

FDD Translation No. 578 -- Northeast Encyclopedia: Resources and Industry in Northeast China (another in the series of basic reference studies on this area)

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FDD Translation No. 587 -- [Redacted] Telephone Directory, 1955 (furnishes organizational and personnel information on Chinese Communist institutions)

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FDD Summary No. 1026 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China [Redacted] Province Five-Year Plan, pp 80-120)

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on
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2. Details of Personnel Actions

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